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Manayunk lays down liquor law

Cavalry — well, state police — called in by city police to help crack down on underage drinking Twelve bars cited during annual Cycling Championship {page 02}

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▶ Troopers with a state police unit helped maintain what longtime residents called one of the best-behaved bike race crowds in recent memory.

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Rowdy Wall bit more quiet

State troopers called in to enforce liquor laws during bike race ◗ At least 12 bars in Manayunk were cited for underage drinking ◗ Residents said police presence kept crowds better behaved than in recent past

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▶ State troopers with the liquor enforcement unit, directed by Sgt. William LaTorre, right, patrolled Manayunk yesterday.

Authorities cracked down on bike race revelers at yesterday's Philadelphia International Cycling Championship. State troopers from Pennsylvania's Liquor Control Enforcement Bureau filed up and down the streets, checking IDs and inspecting businesses.

"The Philadelphia Police Department requested assistance in order to decrease alcohol-related incidents," said Sgt. William LaTorre. "Over a dozen bars have been cited for liquor code violations and some for summary offenses. The most common thing we're seeing is underage drinking."

The bike race's frat party atmosphere has increasingly become a source of frustration for neighbors, who welcomed the beefed-up enforcement. "The problems we've had in the past are young people drinking and using our driveway as a bathroom. We can't have people use our facilities anymore — they smoke and do whatever else in there. We had to tie the doors shut," said 83-year-old Marge Wilson, who has been manning the Bethany Lutheran Church's annual bike race bake sale for the past seven years. "It helped that the police were around more this time."

"The bike race is not the same since the first one. A lot of idiots came into town and blew it all away," said Albert "Butch" Zilly, who also supported the troopers' efforts. "The young kids messed it up. Manayunk has changed into a college town. People rent houses and don't care about the neighborhood."

In addition to heavier police presence, a "bike court" was set up at the 5th District headquarters Friday night to swiftly sentence offenders, residents received robocalls urging them to drink responsibly and signs were posted to the same effect.

The actions seemed to work. "Compared to last year, there's less obnoxious rowdiness. The enforcement, the signs — it's helping people think twice," said spectator Anne Smith.

ALEXANDRA WIGGLESWORTH

Covert drinking operations

Yesterday's partying seemed tamer, but it may simply have been less overt than in the past.

"There were at least 30 people in the middle of the street running in the sprinklers last year. This year, people are sticking to their own houses more," said 24-year-old Tim Jamison.

Still, students crammed onto porches and balconies as early as 9 a.m., passing out florescent blue test tube shots and drinking from red cups. "I have ID," said a girl who was stopped and released on suspicion of underage drinking. "I'm just not 21." METRO/AW

Man shot seven times in triple shooting

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. Three men were injured Friday night in a triple shooting on the 2400 block of Morris Street, police said.

A 43-year-old man and a 14-year-old boy were taken to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in stable condition, while a 20-year-old man, who was shot seven times, is in critical condition, police said. No arrests have been made. METRO/AW

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Hours it took to free the "Miracle on the Hudson" airplane after it got stuck turning a corner in Moorestown, Burlington County, N.J. The plane was en route to a museum in North Carolina when it got caught in utility wires.

Stabbed cop in stable condition

CAMDEN. A city police officer stabbed while breaking up a fight late Saturday remained in critical but stable condition last night and was expected to make a recovery eventually, authorities said.

The unidentified 14-year department veteran was directing traffic shortly before midnight at Broadway and Mickle Boulevard following a concert at Susquehanna Bank Center when he saw a fight break out, allegedly between city residents.

When the officer confronted Ronald Belcher, 28, of Camden, Belcher allegedly stabbed the officer in the chest, police said. The suspect was arrested by another officer within moments. METRO/BXM

In the news

Man killed in elevator shaft fall

A 25-year-old died Friday night when he plummeted down an elevator shaft inside his apartment building at Seventh and Chestnut streets. The lights in the old-style, gated elevator were not working and the man did not realize the car was not at his floor. METRO/AW

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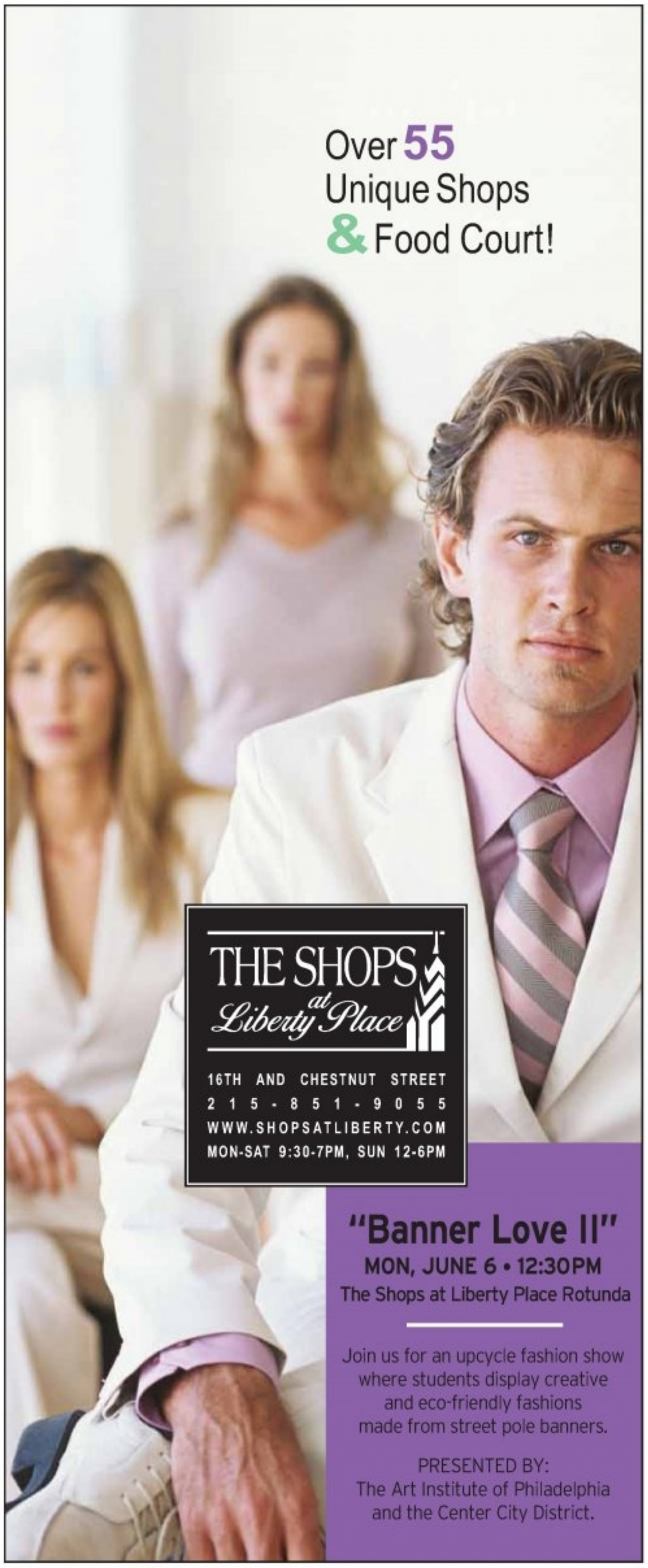
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▶ A proposed sugary drinks tax bubbled up again last week to support the city's broke schools.

Sugary drinks tax raises health debate

Unlike last year, Nutter administration selling it as necessary for broke school district Beverage industry thinks its drinks unfairly targeted for tax

City Council will debate this week whether to approve a sugary drinks tax that would raise an estimated $60 million next fiscal year, though the same proposal didn't go down so smoothly last year when Mayor Michael Nutter first suggested it.

The difference this year may be the dire financial straits of city schools, which would receive all the money generated.

Like last year, the beverage industry is predictably against any new tax, which they believe would lead to diminished demand for their products and potential layoffs to workers.

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In a recent interview, Harold Honickman, whose Honickman Group supplies at least 20 percent of the city's beverages, is vehemently opposed to the proposed tax — noting that healthwise, the carbonated beverage industry is already trying to "solve the problem of obesity."

"We ship hundreds of millions of cases of Diet Pepsi. It is a much bigger piece of our business than ever, growing 2 to 4 percent each year," said Honickman, who distributes Pepsi, Canada Dry, Snapple and beer. "Yet, the obesity problem is bigger than ever."

This year, however, the Nutter administration is selling the tax not as a citywide health campaign, but as much-needed funding for a broke school district.

"This proposal is absolutely vital for the kids," Nutter spokesman Mark McDonald said yesterday.

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Dealing with obesity

The American Beverage Association — which includes bottlers for Pepsi, Coca Cola, Canada Dry and Nestle — made a donation of $10 million to Children's Hospital in March for the treatment and research of childhood obesity. The grant, spread over four years, will provide for the treatment of an additional 10,000 children at the Children Hospital's clinics. Part of the grant will also go toward research into social and environmental factors of childhood obesity and medicines that could potentially control obesity.

Honickman, who donated part of the grant, said, "The grant will allow Children's Hospital hire 10 more staffers, including nutritionists, to work with parents and kids on nutritional issues."

METRO/LG

Unfairly treated?

Honickman, whose net worth is estimated at $850 million, feels that the soda industry is unfairly maligned as the cause of American corpulence.

"Only 5 percent of calories that are ingested in a day come from soda," argued Honickman. "People do not die from drinking soda. Americans are eating too much cake and ice cream. They need to start exercising and playing games and stop watching television."

METRO/LG

News in brief

Cops question shot boy's tale

GRAYS FERRY. Police are now saying that the 11-year-old boy who accidentally shot himself in the leg Saturday afternoon with a gun he allegedly found while playing inside the Vare Recreation Center was most likely injured elsewhere.

A thorough check of the rec center and a review of its motion-activated surveillance cameras showed no evidence of the incident, though a search of the boy's home on the 1500 block of South 26th Street turned up bloody clothing, blood on the floor of several rooms, and a bucket of water with blood-soaked rags — indicating that someone may have attempted to clean up the scene. METRO/AW

Amtrak death ruled suicide

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA. An unidentified pedestrian was struck and killed by an Amtrak train Saturday afternoon on Grant Avenue near Torresdale Avenue, authorities said. The death was ruled a suicide yesterday, police said. METRO/AW

By the numbers

$300K

Money to be spent on renovating the Merion site of the Barnes Foundation in the coming months, according to a report on Philly.com yesterday. The museum's art is moving to Philadelphia, but its arboretum and gallery space will remain open.

Hunger in suburbs adds to worries for food bank

Poverty isn't limited to cities — growing number of families in outer neighborhoods struggle with hunger ◗ SEPTA's annual food drive for Philabundance kicks off today ◗ Drop off donations at many stations

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Casey kicked off the food campaign last week.

Ten minutes before the weekly Fresh For All distribution by Philabundance closed for the day, the line of folks in the parking lot of Christ Lutheran Church in Upper Darby was still growing. Some people had sacks, while others pushed carts. Regardless of how they carried it, each left with bags full of fresh produce.

"Every little bit helps," said Stephon Crews, as he managed two bags of rolls, lettuce and potatoes. A maintenance worker who was recently laid off, Crews said he and his wife found the program a month ago.

"I have three kids. Their friends come over and everybody wants something to eat, so I try to provide something for those who might not have," he said.

While poverty is often portrayed as an inner-city problem, those in the suburbs have been suffering as well due to the recession's grip, according to officials who work with the poor in the region. Pastor David Shaheen of Christ Lutheran said he has people lining up at 5:30 a.m. for the weekly distribution which starts at 10:30. Many are unemployed, but many others are working, sometimes two jobs, he noted.

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This is the second in a series of stories highlighting hunger in the Philadelphia region to coincide with the SEPTA-Philabundance Annual Food Drive June 6-20. Visit www.septa.org/events to see where and what you can donate.

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▶ Strauss-Kahn

Ex-IMF chief to plead not guilty

NEW YORK. Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn will plead not guilty today to charges he tried to rape a New York hotel maid, an accusation that has wrecked his chance of becoming France's next president.

Praised for his role tackling the 2007-09 global financial crisis and attempts to keep Europe's debt crisis under control, Strauss-Kahn, 62, is facing up to 25 years in prison if convicted on charges of a criminal sexual act, attempted rape, sex abuse, unlawful imprisonment and forcible touching. **REUTERS**

Long wait for Japan airline

NEW YORK. Japan Airlines, the nation's biggest international carrier, said ticket sales in Europe and the U.S. were lagging behind forecasts and would take a "very long" time to recover from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

"The recovery of demand from Europe and North America has not met our expectations," President Masaru Onishi said in an interview in Singapore yesterday, ahead of the International Air Transport Association annual general meeting. "We feel it's going to be a very long, drawn out and slow recovery." **BLOOMBERG**

Gates: Can't opt out due to DADT repeal

● Secretary of Defense tells Marines they can't quit service just because they object to gays in military ● Points out camaraderie despite differences

LT. J.G. HARAZ N. GHANBARI/U.S. NAVY VIA GETTY IMAGES

▶ U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates walks with a group of service members yesterday in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates bluntly told Marines yesterday that they won't be able to opt out of their enlistment just because they disagree with a government decision to end a ban on gays serving openly in the military.

Gates, who is on a tour of Afghanistan to bid farewell to the troops before stepping down at the end of the month, was quizzed by a Marine sergeant about the controversial policy during a question and answer session at a base in southwestern Helmand Province.

Congress voted in December to repeal the so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy which allows gays to serve in the military only so long as they keep their sexual orientation to themselves. The Marine Corps has been one of the services most resistant to the change.

The new policy will not go into force until 60 days after the president, defense secretary and nation's top uniformed military officer certify that it can be implemented without affecting military readiness. The military is currently in the process of training service members about the new policy.

"If we do this right, nothing will change," he said. "You will still have to abide by the same rules of behavior, the same discipline, the same respect for each other that has been the case through all the history of the Marine Corps." **REUTERS**

The exchange

▶ **Marine sergeant:** "Sir, we joined the Marine Corps because the Marine Corps has a set of standards and values that is better than that of the civilian sector. And we have gone and changed those values and repealed the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy. We have not given the Marines a chance to decide whether they wish to continue serving under that. Is there going to be an option for those Marines that no longer wish to serve due to the fact their moral values have not changed?"

▶ **Gates:** "No. You'll have to complete your ... enlistment just like everybody else. The reality is that you don't all agree with each other on your politics, you don't agree with each other on your religion, you don't agree with each other on a lot of things. But you still serve together. And you work together. And you look out for each other. And that's all that matters."

Afghan exit will be gradual

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said yesterday the United States was not about to pull up stakes in Afghanistan and a gradual withdrawal of combat troops would be done slowly and responsibly.

The U.S. administration faced a delicate balance in deciding how many troops to withdraw — a decision expected next month — and the number settled on should not "cause our allies to race to the exits because they think we are," Gates said during a visit to Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

BLOOMBERG

▶ Goolsbee

Tax incentives, subsidies to spur jobs

Austan Goolsbee, President Barack Obama's chief economist, said the government is seeking to help private businesses spur job growth through tax incentives and investment subsidies.

"We want to leverage the private sector money," Goolsbee, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said in an interview today on CNN's "State of the Union" program. "Corporations have become profitable again," he said. "What we need to do now is get the private sector stood up."

Employers added 54,000 jobs in May, the smallest increase in eight months, the Labor Department reported in Washington. The unemployment rate rose 0.1 percent to 9.1 percent.

Economists expected the numbers to show employers added 165,000 jobs in May, according to the median forecast in a Bloomberg survey. **BLOOMBERG**

Palin rewriting US history — one tour gaffe at a time

Fox commentator sticking to her account of Paul Revere ride Tells her network it was about gun rights

Listen my children and you shall hear of the firearms advocacy of Paul Revere.

Wait, what?

That's Sarah Palin's take on the revolutionary myth, anyway. At a gathering in Boston this weekend as part of her One Nation bus tour, the right-wing media star told a reporter that Revere — actually renowned for his part in warning American soldiers on the movement of British troops — had told the King's men to keep their hands off of our guns.

Revere "warned the British that they weren't going to be taking away our arms, uh, by ringin' those bells," Palin quipped.

Asked about her history gaffe yesterday on "Fox News Sunday," Palin stuck to her guns.

"I didn't mess up about Paul Revere," she told Chris Wallace. "Part of Paul Revere's ride ... was to warn the British ... you're not going to take American arms."

Palin also explained the purpose of her tour: "What am I publicizing on this tour? I'm publicizing Americana and our foundation," she said.

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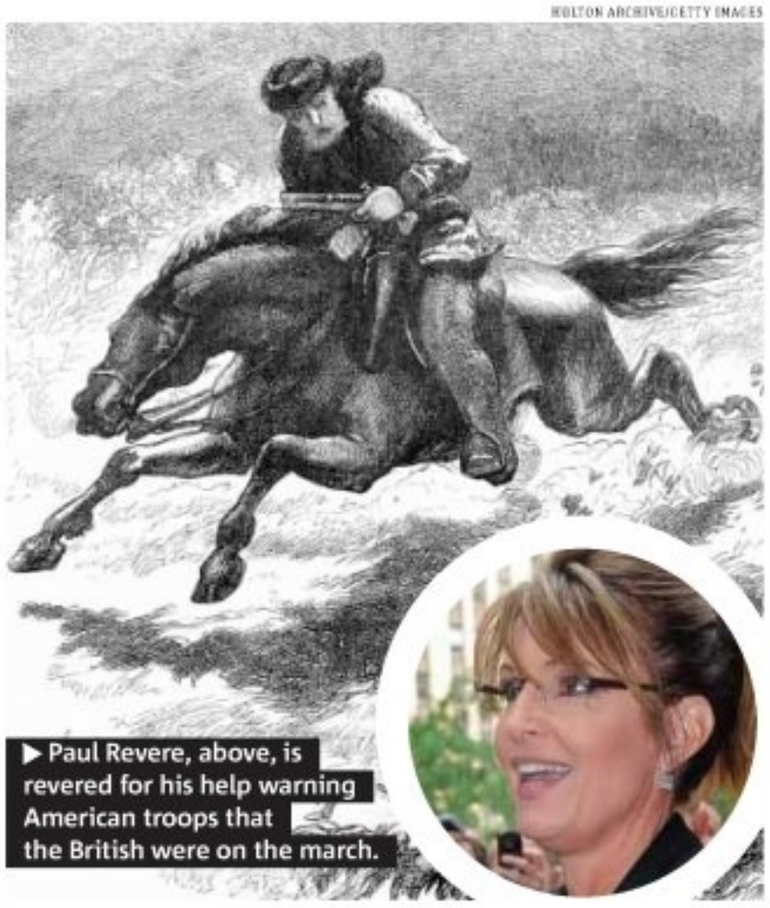

▶ Paul Revere, above, is revered for his help warning American troops that the British were on the march.

Nintendo hacked

LOS ANGELES. Nintendo's U.S.-based servers were attacked several weeks ago but no consumer data was stolen, the company said yesterday.

Nintendo is the latest company to be targeted by cyber criminals in a hacking attack. In April, hackers broke into Sony Corp's servers and exposed the personal information of more than 100 million of its customers. No group has taken responsibility.

Nintendo's break-in did not affect consumers' information, the company said. **REUTERS**

Facebook party gets out of hand

HAMBURG. A teenager was forced to flee her own home after more than 1,600 people showed up to celebrate the German girl's 16th birthday party when she inadvertently invited the public to attend on Facebook. **REUTERS**

$200

Underpants belonging to Wall Street swindler Bernard Madoff were among items sold during the weekend at an auction held under the auspices of the U.S. Marshals Service. The Miami Herald said the 14 pairs of boxer shorts fetched a total of $200.

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Attack puts Yemeni prez on the brink

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, wounded in an attack on his palace, underwent surgery in Saudi Arabia. Yemenis seeking his overthrow celebrated what they hoped was the end of his 33-year rule.

A Yemeni ruling party official said Saleh would return to the country within days, but with a power struggle already under way and gunfights raging in parts of the country, the threat of further turmoil remained high.

A medical source in Saudi Arabia told Reuters Saleh was awake and in good condition after undergoing surgery yesterday to remove shrapnel from his chest.

Saleh has exasperated former U.S. and Saudi allies, who once saw him as a key partner in combating Yemen-based al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, by repeatedly reneging on a Gulf-brokered deal under which he would quit in return for immunity. REUTERS

Save the oil!

Concerns are mounting that Yemen, already on the brink of financial ruin and home to al Qaeda militants, could become a failed state posing a threat to the world's top oil-exporting region and global security.

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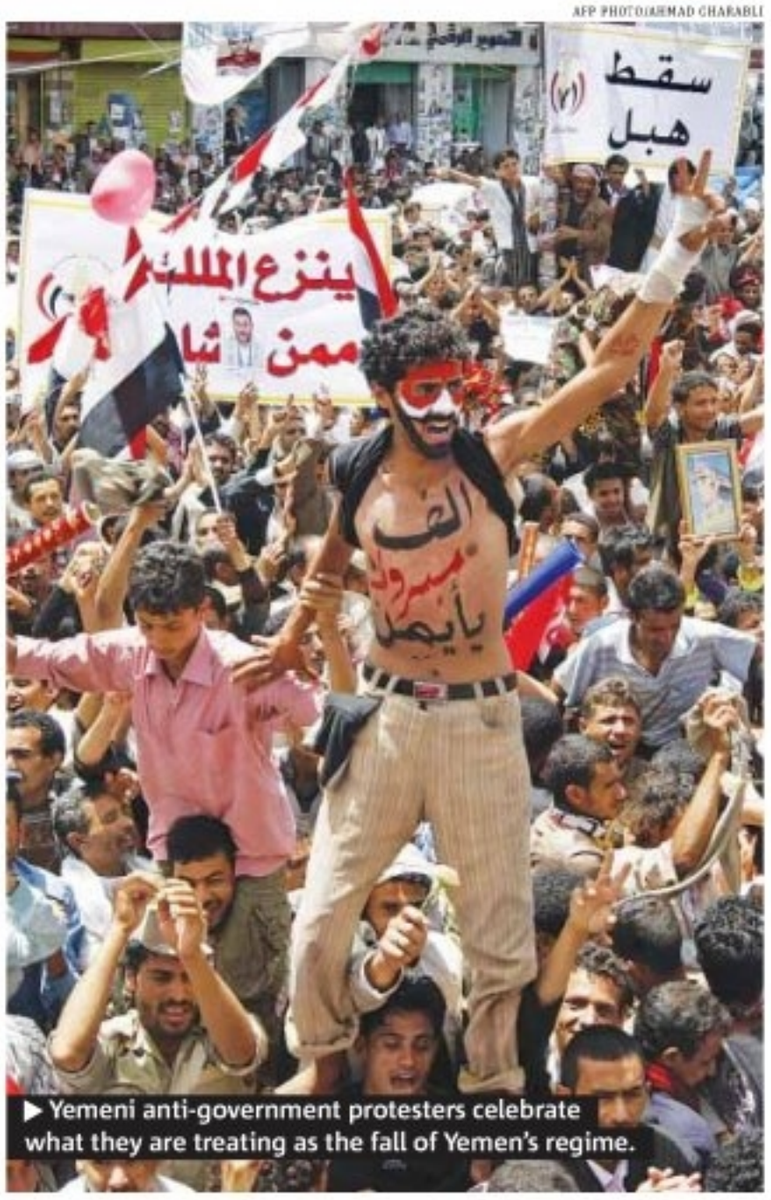

▶ Yemeni anti-government protesters celebrate what they are treating as the fall of Yemen's regime.

Israeli soldiers kill Syrian protestors

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▶ Israeli residents run from blowback teargas.

GOLAN HEIGHTS. Israeli troops fired at Palestinian demonstrators in Syria who rushed to the border fence yesterday in what Israel called a challenge to its sovereignty. Syrian state-run media said 18 were killed.

"Anyone who tries to cross the border will be killed," Israeli soldiers shouted through loudspeakers at the crowd of several hundred. REUTERS

Bean sprouts to blame?

HAMBURG. German-grown bean sprouts could be the source of the deadly E.coli outbreak that has killed 22 people, made more than 2,000 ill and struck fear into consumers across Europe, officials said.

Coming after three weeks of mysterious deaths and widespread consumer fears linked to the rare strain of E.coli, the Lower Saxony state agriculture minister, Gert Lindemann, said there appeared to be clear links between vegetables from the farm and food eaten by some victims. REUTERS

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▶ New Kids On The Block and the Backstreet Boys perform together at Mohegan Sun Arena. From left, they're: Howie Dorough, A.J. McLean, Donnie Wahlberg, Jonathan Knight (behind Donnie), Joey McIntyre, Danny Wood, Brian Littrell, Jordan Knight and Nick Carter.

NKOTBSB still have the right stuff

New Kids On The Block & **Backstreet Boys** — aka NKOTBSB — performed in coordinated military jackets (the Army of Boy Bands Past, apparently) in front of thousands of screaming, female fans on Thursday night at their sold-out performance at Mohegan Sun Arena. But before they took the stage, a goateed **Donnie Wahlberg** admitted that he isn't a fan of one of his group's biggest hits. Put him on the stage, however, and it's a different story.

"'The Right Stuff' is always my favorite to perform, which is ironic because I hate the song," he admits. "It's not a good song to me, it never was, but every night when we do it on the stage, the building shakes — every person in the building jumps up and down," he says. "Even like Backstreet fans who don't even know us, they know that song and it's the most fun to perform. [I] don't like it, but love to perform it."

NKOTBSB are aware they've grown out of the teen-idol phase of their lives (but maybe their fans haven't, as they snatched up the bubblegum-flavored drinks and cupcakes the casino was offering) and Wahlberg was keen to give some serious props to the man, the myth, the legend: the Biebs. "**Justin Bieber**'s pretty incredible," he admits. "I like seeing young kids do well. I think he's a good example of a very talented kid finding his way. He's talented, and he works hard and he has a gift. It's nice to see people who work hard accomplish things. Better him than some random kid who stumbled into a pot of gold."

– With on-the-scene reporting by Meredith Engel

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Royal. Watch

Derby is where it's hat

Newly married Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, try to out-hat one another at the Investec Derby Festival at Epsom Downs Racecourse on Saturday in Epsom, England.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Today, Pink is thrilled to be a new mom, Rob Corddry is telling ghost stories, Alec Baldwin is learning about Twitter the hard way and Bob Saget sees dead people.

▶ @Pink
We are ecstatic to welcome our new beautiful healthy happy baby girl, Willow Sage Hart. She's gorgeous, just like her daddy.

▶ @robcorddry
Yes, we shoot in the same hospital where they shot Scrubs and it IS haunted... by the ghost of Zach Braff's appeal.

▶ @Alec_Baldwin
Interesting how if one gives an opinion here, you mostly get opinions of my opinion.

▶ @bobsaget
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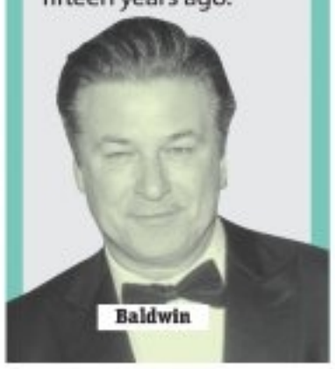

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Talking points

ScarJo, Penn on the outs

Sean Penn and **Scarlett Johansson** have reportedly broken up after only a few months of dating, according to People magazine. There was no reason given for the split, as reps for both stars refused to comment. Some began speculating there was trouble when Johansson did not accompany Penn to the Cannes Film Festival, where his new film, "Tree of Life," won the Palme d'Or, but the actress was said to be busy in New Mexico filming "The Avengers."

And so are Diaz and Rodriguez

Cameron Diaz and **Alex Rodriguez** have called it quits, according to **Perez Hilton**, and Diaz is reportedly none too thrilled about it. "They've broken up," a source says. "[Cameron is] hurt and betrayed, because she tried so hard to please him. She went overboard." And according to Page Six, Rodriguez was the one who instigated the split, telling Diaz "that he needs to focus on baseball and that's all there is to it," according to a source. "He thought she would be an easy girlfriend. But then she pushed for more of a commitment, and he told her to cool it."

Diaz and Rodriguez

Winehouse leaves rehab

Amy Winehouse checked herself out of rehab after just one week of treatment, according to the Associated Press. Her rep confirms that the troubled singer is on the loose, adding that Winehouse is "raring to go" on tour around Europe this summer. The rep added that Winehouse will complete her rehab through outpatient work.

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A grand slam for Baseball Project

Supergroup includes members of R.E.M. and the Dream Syndicate
Why their summer rocks

When Steve Wynn and Scott McCaughey named their supergroup The Baseball Project, they knew exactly what they wanted out of it.

"I think our goal at the beginning, rather than selling a gazillion records or having a million fans, was just to get free baseball tickets whenever we wanted," laughs Wynn.

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With the tour for their sophomore effort, "Volume Two: High and Inside," the band — which also includes R.E.M.'s Peter Buck on guitar and Linda Pitmon on drums — has been living the dream. We caught up with Wynn last week.

You've been incorporating a lot of real baseball experiences into your tour itinerary.
I threw out the first pitch at Wrigley Field, and we've seen like eight games in 10 days. We're just kind of combining a rock 'n' roll tour with baseball fantasy camp. The funny thing is, even when we're not seeing games for Baseball Project-related stuff, we still go see other ball games. Today is a day off. It's the first day off in a while, and we're on our way to Toronto, and we saw that the road takes us through Detroit. We've got a night off, and the Tigers are hosting the Twins, and we figured, "Why not see a ball game?"

▶ The Baseball Project are, from left, Peter Buck, Scott McCaughey, Linda Pitmon and Steve Wynn.
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So you're enjoying America's favorite pastime. Do you also enjoy the favorite pastime that goes along with that and put away a lot beers while you're there?
We're professionals [laughs]. **What does that mean? That you are able to have a few cold ones at the park before you play, or do you abstain?**
Let's just stick with, "We're professionals."
Was the subject of all your songs and the focus of the band always going to be baseball?
Oh yeah. No question about that. We're all baseball fans, primarily. There won't be a Lacrosse Project or a Curling Project.
I never would have expected that you, the former singer of the Dream Syndicate, would do something so closely tied to sports. Do any of your fans express any similar surprise?
I think the biggest cases of people shaking their heads in confusion are fans over in Europe, where they just have no idea. They've been picking up the record and it's kind of like we're speaking Martian to them — but they really dig it.

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New 'X-Men' tops class at North America box office

The fifth movie in the "X-Men" series took the No. 1 spot at the weekend box office in North America after selling about $56 million worth of tickets, distributor 20th Century Fox said yesterday.

The opening for "X-Men: First Class" was in line with the studio's relatively modest expectations, but paled against most of the other films in the Marvel comic-book franchise. The previous one opened to $85 million two years ago.

"X-Men: First Class," which reportedly cost about $160 million to make before tax credits, is a prequel dealing with the formative years of the characters who go on to form the "X-Men" stable of mutant superheroes.

Instead of hiring A-list talent, Fox went with critically acclaimed British director Matthew Vaughn ("Kick-Ass") and actors James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender.

Critics and fans gave the new film the thumbs up and the solid start at the box office virtually guarantees more "X-Men" movies down the road.

Last weekend's champion, "The Hangover: Part II," slipped to No. 2 with $32.4 million, taking its 10-day total to $186.9 million. The comedy is well ahead of the pace of its 2009 predecessor, which earned $105 million in the same time frame and ended up with $277 million. REUTERS

▶ Jennifer Lawrence is Mystique in "X-Men: First Class."

TV watch list

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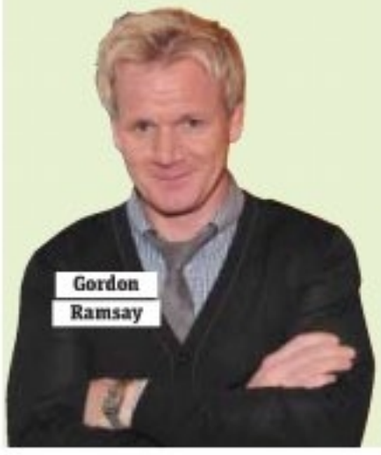

'Switched at Birth'

DRAMA. There's no Hallmark card that says: "Sorry, the wrong parents took you home from the hospital after you were born," so Bay (Vanessa Marano) and Daphne (Katie Leclerc) deal with the shocking news of their accidental switcheroo the old-fashioned way: teen angst. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., ABC Family**

'Single Ladies'

DRAMA. Former music video/trashy reality network VH1 ventures into scripted drama with this new series that follows single lady Val as she ventures into online dating tonight. What could possibly go wrong here? **9 p.m., VH1**

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▶ From left: Caleb Landry Jones, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, Rose Byrne, Nicholas Hoult, James McAvoy and Lucas Till make up the central cast of "X-Men: First Class." They're all one degree from Kevin Bacon, who was in the film but is not pictured here.

Secret of

The cast of 'X-Men: First Class' has
And they're not joking when they

One thing you rarely hear at a press conference for a major summer blockbuster film is the cast expressing relief that their movie is actually good. But the stars of "X-Men: First Class" seem incredibly confident about this installment of the franchise, which is set in the 1960s and depicts the origins of the X-Men team.

"I phoned [co-star Michael Fassbender] within a half hour of seeing it, just to say, 'Dude, you've got to see it. You're going to be relieved. You're going to be able to go to the toilet again properly," says James McAvoy, who plays Charles

A dashing 'X'

McAvoy on playing a young Professor X:

"I didn't see myself as the archetypal Sir Patrick Stewart: bald, Jean-Luc Picard, professor of the Starship Enterprise. That was quite a difficult one to get my head around. I read the script ... and realized that actually we could take the character in a whole different direction. We could have a lot more fun with him, make him a little bit more silly and a little bit more drunk and a little bit more randy — and that was good fun."

Byrne's jealousy issue

Rose Byrne plays a government agent sympathetic to the mutants. Was she jealous of their special powers?

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their X-cess

a charming chemistry in real life say the movie's actually good

Xavier — Professor X — the band leader of the mutants. "We were worried because sometimes they are a nightmare to make — and it's well-documented that it was, there's no point in hiding it. But it's turned out really good."

Kevin Bacon, who plays villain Sebastian Shaw in "First Class," was similarly impressed. "I was completely knocked out, I really was," Bacon enthuses. "Many people that I'd contacted said, 'I don't think I've ever heard you react to one of your movies like that.'"

Bacon was also pretty shocked that he was involved in the project in the first place. "I don't know if this says something about my self-esteem, but when they first said, 'They're offering you "X-Men,"' I thought, 'Who fell out?'" Bacon says, eliciting playfully pitiful groans from his costars Fassbender, McAvoy, Rose Byrne and January Jones, who are seated next to him.

The rapport of the cast members is palpable, as they shoot funny little quips back and forth at each other. McAvoy and Fassbender are particularly chummy, which works out well considering that onscreen, Fassbender's Erik Lensherr/Magneto character works with McAvoy's Professor X to train the team of young mutants. But did they get closer than they might've needed to be? "We were rubbing helmets a lot," Fassbender jokes. "You get to know each other on a very intimate level."

"And then that bond is broken and he's not calling me anymore," McAvoy complains. "Whatever, man. We shared something."

Joking aside, McAvoy credits director Matthew Vaughn with much of the success of this new project, which came in at No. 1 at the weekend box office. "One thing about the X-Men movies is that there's always 5,000 characters to get through in two hours," he says. "I think Matthew did a great job of telling each character's story well, but part of it is that there's a rapport among everyone — and that connection and that chemistry translates onscreen as well."

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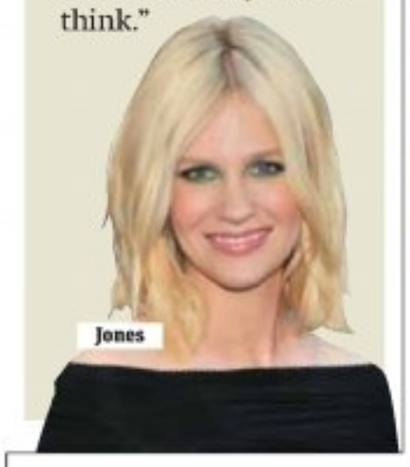
In their words

January Jones, who plays mutant Emma Frost, on the 1960s setting:

"I never felt like I was in the '60s so much. It was something that we were trying not to — you kind of feel it in a stylized way, but we weren't overly conscious of it, I don't think."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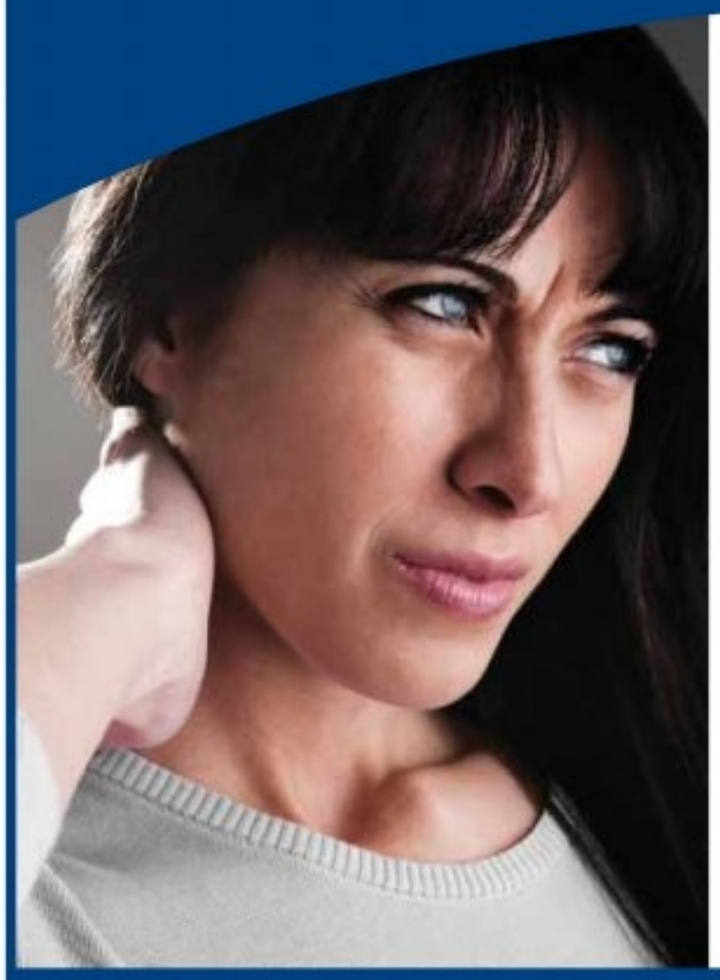
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To boost your career, volunteer

Whether you're looking for a new gig or a new industry, a little summer 'voluntourism' could help

Working for free might not sound like much of a vacation. But you'd be surprised what it could do for your résumé — which is why career experts suggest spending some time volunteering abroad this summer before you apply for a new gig.

A trip spent archiving artifacts or replanting rainforests can help both the unhappy and unemployed rediscover their calling, says sabbatical coach Clive Prout. "If you're unhappy with your current career, then use a sabbatical as a way to get out of it," he offers. "If you leave the country, you get a sense of the things we take for granted, particularly what we use as measures of success."

Doug Cutchins, author of "Volunteer Vacations," says "voluntourism" can also be a way to test-drive a new vocation, like eco-management or development economics.

But it doesn't have to be just a break from your career, he adds — it can be a break for your career. "Volunteer vacations could be a short-term way to get some training, maybe learn another language and pick up skills," he says. "Really smart employers will not care so much whether you've been paid, just whether you've shown dedication, creativity and hard work."

▶ Volunteering can often cost you cash — which might be a problem if you're job hunting. For less expensive opportunities, stay close to home or choose a short international trip.

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Expert tips

Put it on the résumé

Time spent laboring in an exotic locale can make your résumé leap from the stack, Cutchins says.

The trick to leveraging a volunteer vacation into acceptable résumé material is to "just focus on the skills that you gained or honed," he says.

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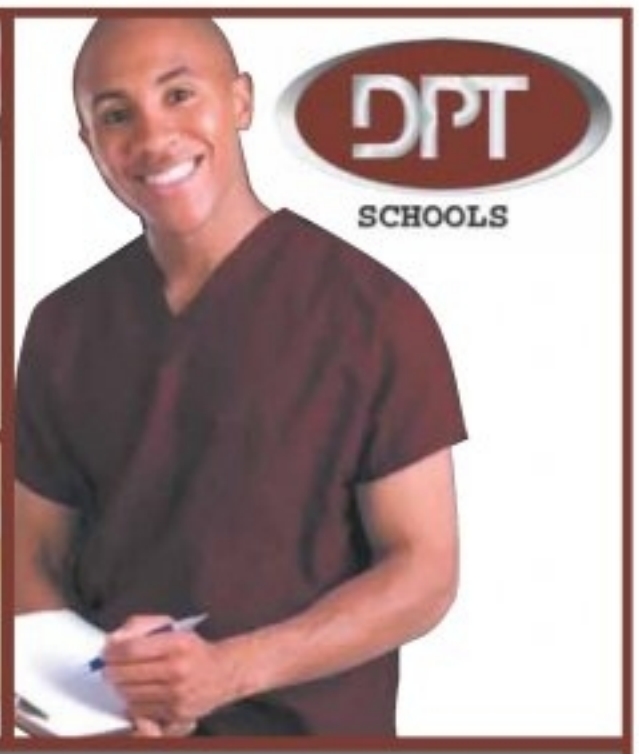

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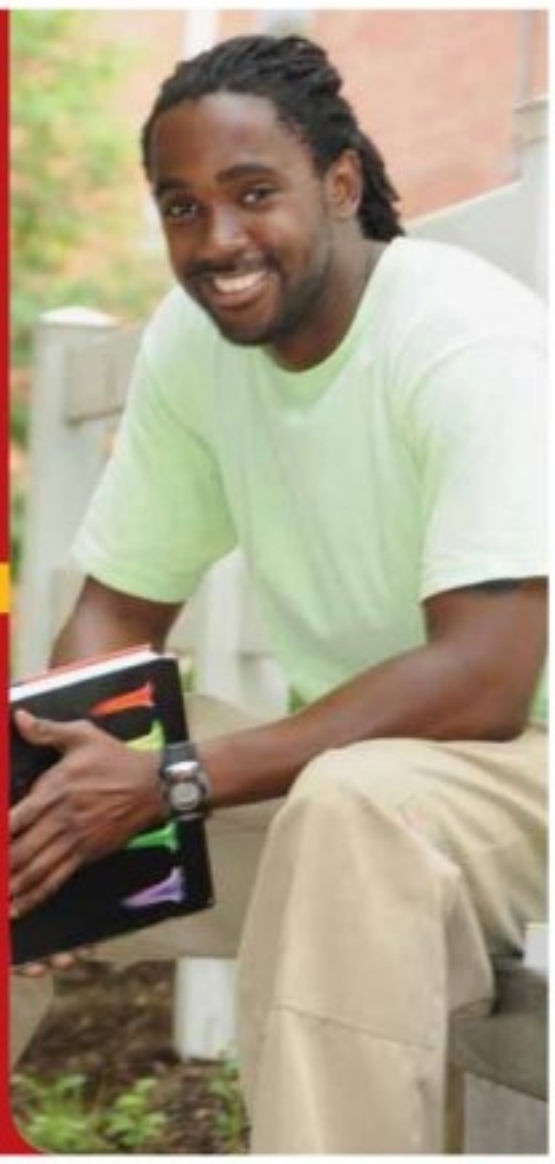

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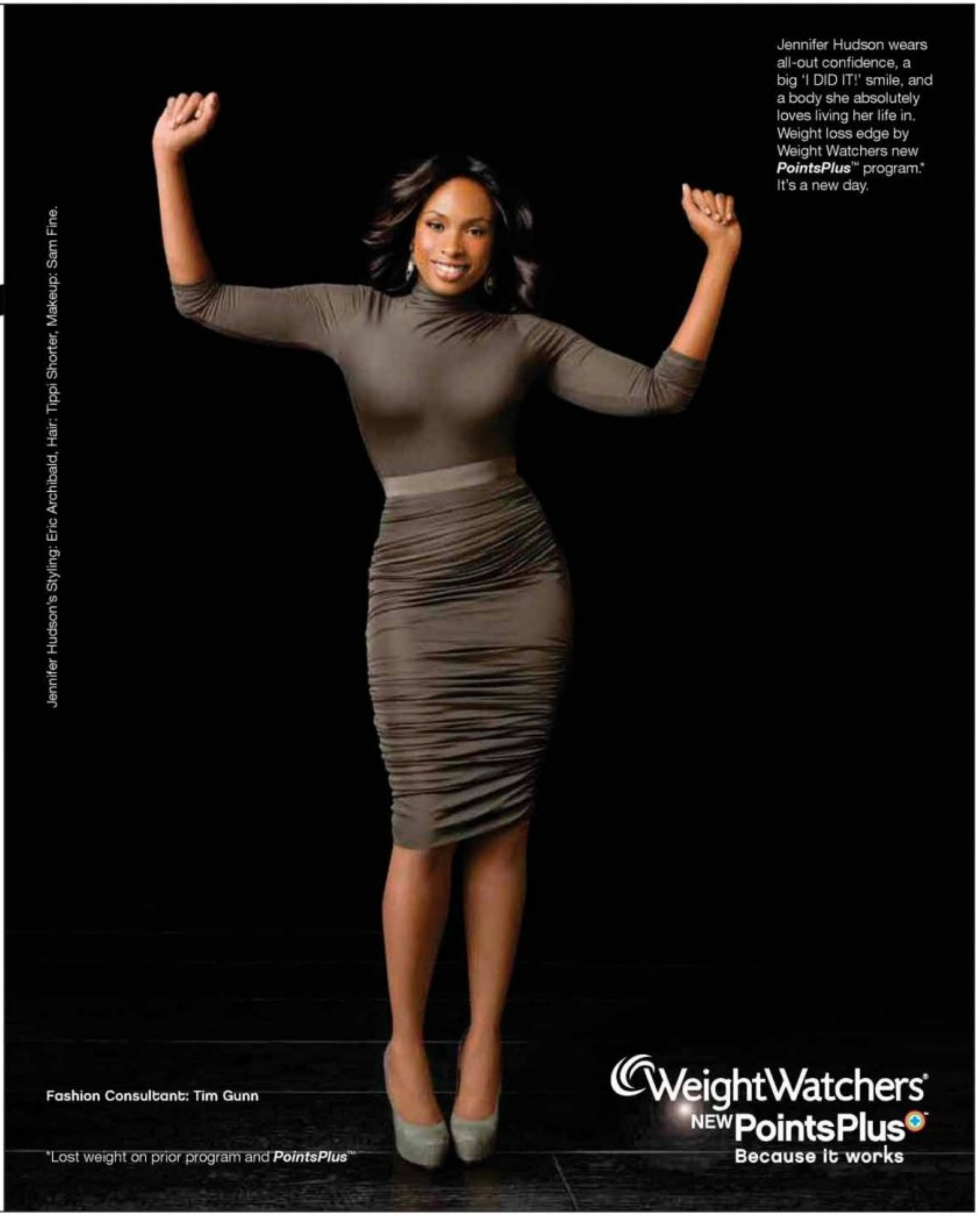
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Is now the time to start a business?

For some people, it's an enticing option when jobs are harder to come by But there are some new rules in this economy, even if you are ready

For generations, owning a small business has been the dream of self-starters fed up with working for the man.

But today, small biz gurus say that self-employment is less an entrepreneur's fantasy than the only sure way to land a job.

"There are certainly people sitting around saying, 'I have no other option,'" says John Jantsch, author of "Duct Tape Marketing."

Although they should know that the option isn't as easy as it was in the past, cautions "Small Business Is Like a Bunch of Bananas" author Jim Blasingame.

The competition

You'll likely be up against ultralean, price-undercutting companies that survived a recession that only made stronger what it didn't kill.

"The companies you are going to be competing with have come through the fire," says Blasingame. "They know what it takes to be competitive — and if they didn't know, they wouldn't still be in business. If you delude yourself into thinking you can outprice them, you're going to fail."

"When it comes to traditional access to boot-strapping startup money, the major sources dried up in 2008," he explains.

And nevermind the other source of startup loot for most small businesses: a house. "What banks are going to give you a home equity loan these days?" he reasons.

The good news, Jantsch counters, is that you don't need the kind of cash you used to.

"In a way there's never been a better time to start a business, because you can get into some fashion of a business for little or no money," he says. "The Internet has equipped people with some incredible tools, giving them a reach that's global. And in that regard, faced with no choice, that can make this a great time to do it."

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All about you

Picking the moment for your small business launch may be less about where the economy is than where you are: Are you sufficiently experienced? Are you willing and able to put in 12-hour days for months on end? Do you have the clientele?

"In America, there's never a time when you should not start a small business; but there might be a time when you're not prepared," Jantsch says.

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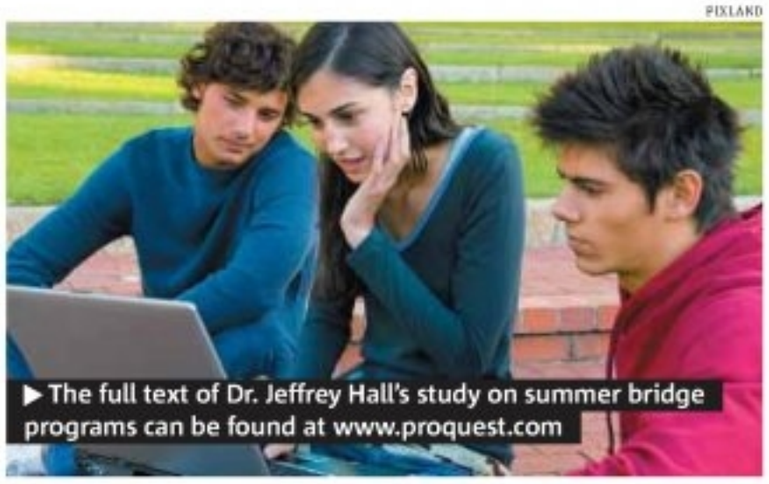

▶ The full text of Dr. Jeffrey Hall's study on summer bridge programs can be found at www.proquest.com

Dr. Jeffrey Hall was the first member of his family to go to college. The odds against a first-generation college student just making it through undergrad years — let alone earning a doctorate — are staggering.

Now a professor and specialist in at-risk populations, Hall has devoted his career to understanding how and why students persist. Lately, he has set his sights on the seemingly ubiquitous summer bridge programs designed to help underserved populations adjust to college. His latest study, conducted at the University of South Florida, is one of the first scientific evaluations of these programs. "Mostly, universities are just doing their own thing when it comes to bridge programs. If it's not a [federally funded] program, there's no benchmarks or national standards for them," says Hall. "I don't know how you evaluate their success."

Ultimately, Hall supports the programs, especially the sense of community that they can foster. "Being part of a learning community is perhaps the biggest factor in being persistent in education," he says.

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Learning to learn

▶ "In order for students to take responsibility for learning, you need to empower them to know just how they learn," explains Hall. "You can't just turn over control and say, 'Now you're responsible for your own learning.' You have to give them the tools as well. They need to discover their own individual learning pattern."

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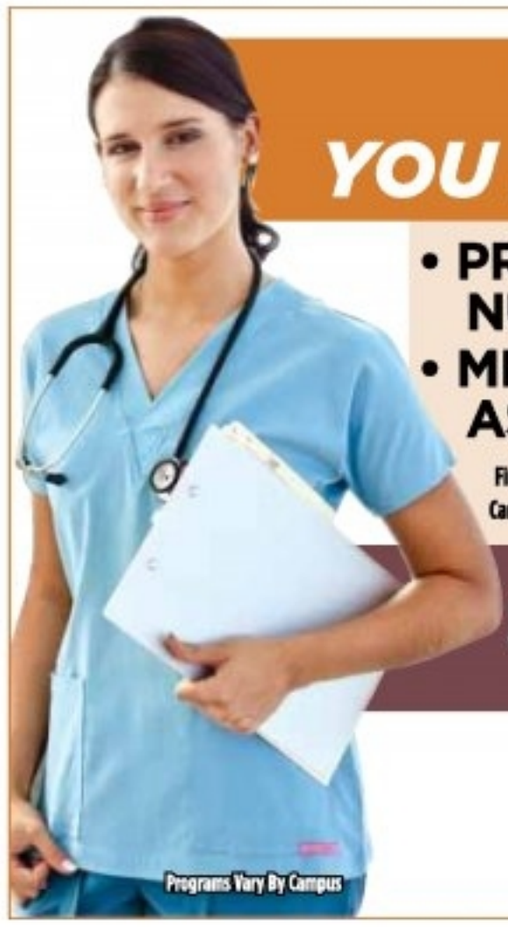

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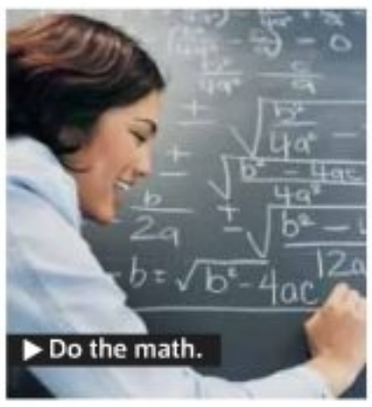
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Major decisions may impact salary

New study finds strong correlations between college major and earnings ◐ Engineering comes out on top

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It turns out that it is what you know after all. A new study, "What's It Worth?," crunches 2009 Census Department data on almost 3 million college graduates and finds strong correlations between college major and income.

Though any college graduate will make more over the course of his or her career than someone who only has a high school diploma, that advantage varies widely by field. According to the study, the lifetime salary difference is $1,090,000 for engineering majors and only $241,000 for education majors.

The analysts, from Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, divided 117 majors into 15 categories and looked at earnings, demographics and graduate degree attainment.

Some high-paying fields attract many students — the most popular major, by far, is business, with 25 percent of all bachelor's degrees — but the next two most popular groups of majors are education (10.6 percent) and humanities/liberal arts (9.7 percent).

The study also found continuing salary gaps based on gender. Women make less than men in every field. There are also gaps based on race, with blacks and Hispanics making significantly less than whites across the board. In most fields, Asians also make less than whites, though they make more in biology, health, law and psychology/social work.

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Stupid sells better than sex

We've all known that sex sells and scary sells. We now know too that sarcasm sells, stupid sells and side-taking sells. And Sarah Palin is all five! That's the only reason the media love her, and those with brains don't.
J. ANDREW SMITH, BLOOMFIELD, NJ

War on drugs? War on sense

There's yet another study coming out saying that the war on drugs is unwinnable and we should consider legalizing. That completely misses the point. Who cares that we should legalize marijuana? We've always known that. We're a rich country; we can afford to throw more people in jail than any country anywhere, ever. If it makes the voting classes feel good, who cares that it's a stupid policy?
DAN WYLIE-SEARS, VIA E-MAIL

Palin's genius is our demise

This tour reflects Palin's "genius ... for garnering publicity. We'd all be geniuses if we had Palin's wealthy backers to pay for top-of-the-line shills and handlers. And those backers get something for their money: The core of Palin's commitment to American values is freedom; for corporate interests and their beneficiaries to get even richer by squeezing the blood from everyone else. And — surprise! — the corporate-owned media fall over themselves to give Palin wildly disproportionate coverage.
ELLEN SLACK, PHILADELPHIA

Outsource our prison industry

RE: "LESS CRUEL PRISON IDEAS": One letter writer says why not have prisoners clean up trash on highways. Someone thought of that already and the unions squashed the idea because it would take away union jobs. Someone kowtowed to the unions and it ended up costing us all more money. Why not outsource corrections and send prisoners to China?
RON TUMSUDEN, VIA E-MAIL

Don't forget — it's Bush's fault

People who know better know where to place blame for this disastrous economy, and that still is on a Bush administration that boasted about 55 months of consecutive GDP growth all based on a sham and fraudulent credit criteria, while his ilk got big tax cuts.
DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you can't truthfully tell others what's disturbing you, they'll have a difficult time pleasing you. Let them know if something has got your goat.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be extremely careful to whom you go for a favor, especially if money is involved. If the person hasn't been doing too well, it could prove to be embarrassing for him or her.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Instead of trying to figure out what's best for everybody else, it would be wise to first focus on your own needs or requirements. When you can help yourself, it rubs off onto others.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Should circumstances place you in close proximity to someone with whom you've recently crossed swords, keep your blade in your scabbard. Keep a cool head and don't make matters worse.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When in a group activity, think in terms of what's best for everybody. In the final analysis, what benefits others will benefit you.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Guard against any inclination to make a hasty decision without first gathering all available facts. Doing so will draw a distorted picture.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you organize your methodology, you can accomplish far more than usual. When you try to handle overlapping assignments simultaneously, the results are apt to be disappointing.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Unless you need to reciprocate, there's no reason why you should pick up the entire tab when out with friends. It doesn't make you a hotshot, but it could make you poorer.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Just because you're dealing with your family doesn't mean that showing patience is nonessential. If someone in the household exasperates you, have a little patience.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It isn't likely that you'll have any problem smoothing out touchy situations when dealing with friends. However, when it comes to your family, it could be another story.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you're in the market for purchasing something for either your office or home, avoid places that specialize in novel merchandise. Keep your selection practical and timeless.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Teaming up with someone whose objectives are not in harmony with yours will yield nothing but a big waste of time. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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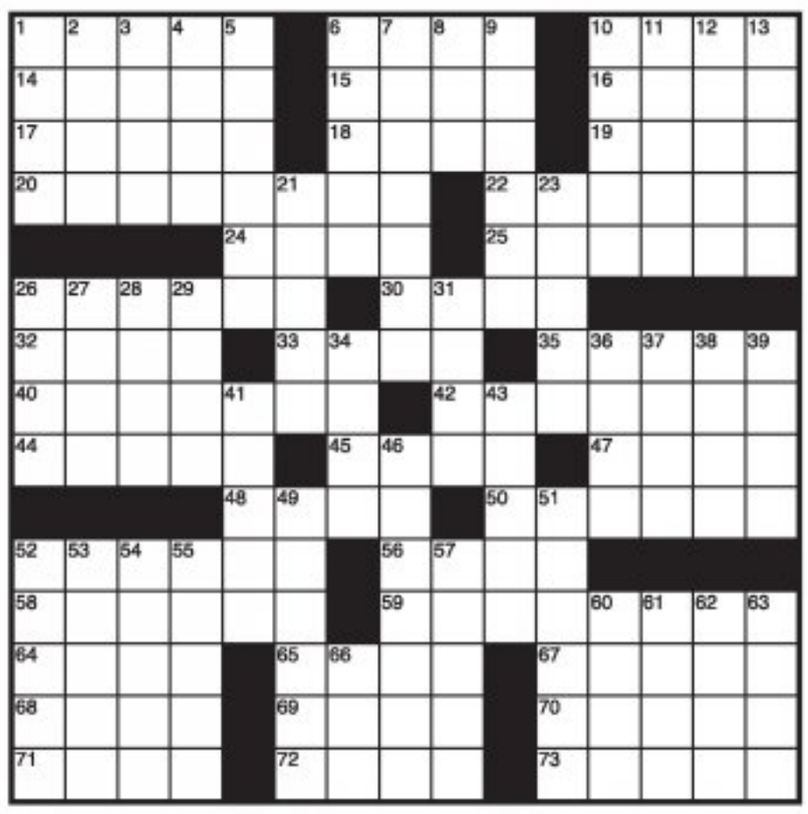

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Dane's mad dash clips crowded field

Rasmussen rides out chaotic finish to win cycling championship on the Parkway Pack of 11 riders finish just one second apart in 27th running

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▶ Alex Rasmusssen's victory at the TD Bank International Cycling Championship was the third straight for HTC-Highroad.

Plan after plan fell by the wayside yesterday for the HTC-Highroad team in the 27th annual TD Bank International Cycling Championship. At the finish line, however, everything came together.

Alex Rasmussen of Denmark survived the frenetic final kilometers on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to win a field sprint for a victory that even he didn't expect.

"We were supposed to be working for [teammate] Leigh Howard, but everything got messed up at the end, and I was there," Rasmussen said. "When we win in the end, it's OK."

Rasmussen edged Slovakian Peter Sagan by less than a bike length, relegating the 21-year-old Liquigas-Cannondale rider to second for the second straight year. German Robert Forster crossed third for UnitedHealthcare.

Even before the race, HTC-Highroad's strategy took a hit as crashes at the Giro D'Italia and Tour of California whittled its Philly contingent from eight riders to five.

Then, with a breakaway still dangling off the front of the race, Howard nearly crashed at the base of the last ascent of the famed Manayunk Wall, prompting HTC-Highroad to alter its plans further.

The break was caught only a couple of kilometers from the finish — just before the final ascent of Lemon Hill. The catch touched off a flurry of attacks, some dicey racing, and a crash on the last turn around Logan Circle that snuffed the hopes of more than 100 riders.

Of the lucky 20 or so remaining, Rasmussen was the fastest. The four-time world track champion used his skills in a crowd to pick his way to the front in the last dizzying 300 meters.

"With only five riders, we just couldn't control the race the way we normally would," Rasmussen said. "I was lucky to be there at the end."

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Mount up

Alex Hagman was crowned King of the Mountain after conquering the Manayunk Wall stage yesterday.

- Canadian **Lex Albrecht** of Juvederm-Specialized dominated as Queen of the Mountain, racing all alone at the front for three of the four laps.
- **TD Bank Champ. Results**
1. Alex Rasmussen (DEN) HTC-Highroad, 5:59:04
2. Peter Sagan (SLV) Liquigas-Cannondale
3. Robert Forster (GER) UnitedHealthcare
4. Ken Hanson (US) Jelly Belly

Branzini claims Liberty

The distinctive rainbow jersey of the world champion made a star appearance on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, as Italian Giorgia Branzini outkicked the field in the 18th annual Liberty Classic.

The Colavita Forno D'Asolo rider overcame some midrace doldrums during the 57.6-mile distance with the help of her team, and edged Americans Shelley Olds and Jennifer Purcel with a sprint along the barriers. The win broke a four-year hold by HTC-Highroad.

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Cup ready

US wins final tuneup

All was not lost this weekend for American soccer. Sure the men's national team was routed 4-0 by Spain on Saturday, but Lauren Cheney's goal in stoppage time gave the U.S. women a 1-0 win over Mexico yesterday in its final match before the World Cup.

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Skid snapped

Halladay shuts down Pirates

Roy Halladay earned his major-league leading eighth win and the Phillies snapped a four-game losing streak with a 7-3 win over the Pirates yesterday.

Ryan Howard had three RBIs for the Phils, who host the Dodgers tonight.

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▶ Burress

Burress looking for new home

After serving 20 months for illegally carrying a gun — and shooting himself — Plaxico Burress is being released from prison today. His agent expects him to play in the NFL this year.

The Eagles are generating a lot of buzz as a possible landing spot for the former New York Giants wide receiver. Michael Vick told a local radio station that he would be a good fit.

"I think certainly Plaxico is going to come out with a chip on his shoulder the same way I did, and he'll go out and help this football team to whatever capacity he can," Vick told 610 WIP.

Inflated egos on the rise in weak NBA draft class

Sixers looking to fill holes at shot blocker, shooter ◗ Lack of true star power causing players to overvalue themselves ◗ Sixers work out Allen

Many around the NBA have called the 2011 draft class weak. Sixers director of player personnel Courtney Witte prefers to use the term lacking separation.

Either way, the Sixers can't realistically expect to add an instant, difference-maker at No. 16. What they do expect to do is try and fill gaping holes at shot blocker and shooter. Witte said when a draft lacks separation, you can safely go after those skills.

16 Sixers own the 16th overall pick. Draftexpress.com has them taking local product Markieff Morris.

"If the talent is equal, and you have your rankings and your evaluations as a group are equal, then you look at need," Witte said. "When there's separation, you cannot make a mistake like maybe Portland did with Bowie over Jordan."

Witte was thinking back to 1984 when Portland was desperate for a center and took Sam Bowie over perhaps the greatest player ever, Michael Jordan.

The dearth of potential stars in this year's draft is also causing some inflated egos. Witte said the Sixers have had a harder time than usual just getting prospects to come in for workouts. No one wants to admit they might slip down the draft board.

"I'm not a mathematics major, but right now there are 20-plus people that think they will go in the top 15," Witte said.

With the draft less than three weeks away, reality will set in shortly.

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Allen

Putbacks

Temple forward Lavoy Allen worked out for the Sixers this past weekend.

- **The Pennsbury grad** is hoping to slip into the back end of the second round. "I'm just going to the workouts and competing," Allen said. "All the teams have seen us all four years, so it's a matter of going out and playing hard against all the guys they bring in."
- **Today,** the Sixers will host six more prospects at their practice facility, highlighted by Georgia power forward **Trey Thompkins.** The 6-foot-10 shot blocker has the skill set the Sixers are seemingly looking for.

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Double vision: Morris twins ready to start new chapter

Basketball standouts prepare for NBA draft Looking forward to going separate ways, maturing Both players projected as first-round picks

Marcus and Markieff Morris have been together their entire lives. After all, they are twins. But after the NBA draft on June 23, they'll probably be parting ways for the first time in their lives.

"We don't expect to be drafted by the same team," Marcus said. "We hope it happens — but if it doesn't, it doesn't. We're looking forward to going our separate ways and maturing without each other."

NBA draft

Rounds 1-2, June 23 (ESPN)

The Philly natives — who starred at Prep Charter before spending a year of prep school at APEX Academy in Pennsauken, N.J., and then three years at Kansas — are both projected as first-round picks.

Markieff (6-foot-9, 241 lbs.) is an inch taller and 11 pounds heavier than Marcus (6-foot-8, 230 lbs.). Markieff is more of a pure post player and rebounder, while Marcus is a combo forward and better scorer.

"He definitely handles the ball a lot better than me," Markieff said. "He creates his shot against anybody. I feel I'll be a great defender. I'll probably be a 15 and 10 guy my whole career."

As much as the Morris twins want people to know they are different players, the fact remains that they look exactly the same and will always be compared.

"I enjoy it," Marcus said. "That's my best friend. We like to be twins. We don't want to look different. We want to look the same.

"That's why we're twins. That's why we have the same tattoos, get the same haircut and like the same type of foods."

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▶ Marcus, left, and Markieff Morris are expected to play for different teams for the first time in their careers.

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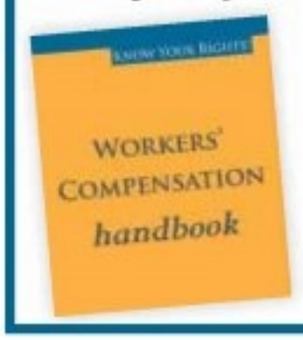

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▶ Lee inked a $120 million deal this past winter.

Phils aren't broke yet, working with commish's office

Maybe the Phillies can't afford Cliff Lee after all.

The team is one of nine teams not compliant with Major League Baseball's debt-service rules, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times. The rules call for a limit of a franchise's debt to be no greater than 10 times its annual earnings.

The other eight teams are the New York Mets, the Dodgers, Orioles, Cubs, Tigers, Marlins, Rangers and Nationals.

The Phillies, who signed Lee to an $120 million deal, have a franchise-record payroll that is nearing baseball's luxury-tax threshold of $178 million.

"In recent years, the Phillies have been compliant under the debt-service rule," Phillies president David Montgomery said in a statement. "Our last submission for 2011 indicated that we are currently not compliant. As a result, we met with the commissioner's office and are working on ways to remedy our current situation." METRO

Pay it forward

The Phillies' 2011 payroll is at an estimated $173 million, which ranks No. 2 in MLB. Here are the club's top moneymakers:

- Roy Halladay, $20 million
- Ryan Howard, $20 mil
- Roy Oswalt, $16 mil
- Chase Utley, $15.28 mil
- Raul Ibanez, $12.16 mil
- Cliff Lee, $11 mil
- Cole Hamels, $9.5 mil
- Jimmy Rollins, $8.5 mil
- Placido Polanco, $5.41 mil
- Ryan Madson, $4.83 mil

(SOURCE: ESPN)

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▶ Halladay

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The Phillies paid $172 million of the $458 total million it took to build Citizens Bank Park back in 2004.

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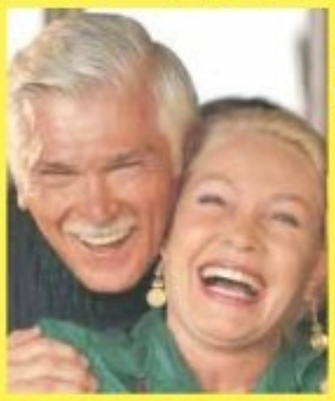

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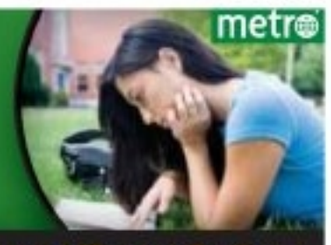

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King of clay takes care of main rival

Just another day on clay for Rafael Nadal.

The Spaniard sealed a record-tying sixth French Open title yesterday with a four-set victory over Roger Federer. The win equaled Bjorn Borg's men's singles record at Roland Garros, while ensuring that Nadal would remain world No. 1.

Federer, who was bidding to beat Nadal for the first time in five attempts in Paris, raced to a 5-2 lead in the first set and squandered a set point before errors crept into his play as the top seed turned the screw with some exceptional recovery shots.

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Rafael Nadal's record at Roland Garros. The top-ranked Spaniard is 17-8 against Roger Federer, including 6-2 in Grand Slam finals.

Nadal rattled off seven games in a row to move 2-0 ahead in the second set as gasps went around a packed crowd on Court Philippe Chatrier, who were mainly cheering for 16-times Grand Slam champion Federer.

Nadal has only lost one match in seven years at the French Open. He is the second-youngest male tennis player to reach 10 major titles. Borg was the youngest to do it. METRO/REUTERS

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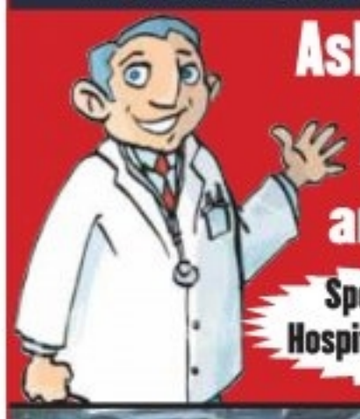

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- Zipcar's public sale last month showed huge interest by investors
- One industry observer believes car ownership, sharing is evolving

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Many city-dwellers and those who live by urban colleges are familiar with Zipcar and other carsharing companies cropping up across America.

This "traditional model" of carsharing was established in Europe more than 20 years ago. It grew steadily — yet somewhat modestly — in North America beginning in 1994 in Montreal and 1998 in Portland. But things didn't really start taking off until about 2000, when two companies launched — Flexcar in Seattle and Zipcar in Boston — and merged in 2007 after several years of direct competition. More recently, major rental car companies have ventured into carsharing — most notably Hertz Connect in New York City and Enterprise WeCar.

Last month, Zipcar roared into the publicly held business sector, surprising even itself with the runaway success of its IPO — resulting in a valuation of Zipcar beyond a number of the rental car companies, even though they manage a fraction of the fleet these rental car companies have.

The success of this offering is a good indication that major investors see something new happening with cars and car ownership in the U.S. REUTERS

Trends

Major trends, according to David Brook of Greenbiz.com:

- Peer-to-peer carsharing has the potential to dramatically expand the geographic area where carsharing is a viable alternative to car ownership — from dense, closed-in parts of cities to suburbs and beyond. P2P takes advantage of underutilized, privately owned vehicles for carsharing, and it allows the owners to rent these vehicles to their neighbors.
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President Barack Obama said the successful government bailout of the auto industry serves as a model for his economic policies, which aim to spur job creation and ensure U.S. competitiveness.

In his weekly radio and Internet address this weekend, Obama said that for the first time since 2004, Chrysler Group LLC, General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co. are turning a profit and are adding shifts and creating jobs at the strongest rate since the 1990s.

▶ Chrysler Jeep Grand Cherokees and Dodge Durangos sit on the factory floor of the Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly Plant in Detroit, Michigan.

While the bailout was unpopular at the time, he said, the American people stood by GM and Chrysler while they took difficult steps to restructure.

"We decided to do more than rescue this industry from a crisis," Obama said in the address, which he taped during a visit yesterday to a Chrysler plant in Toledo, Ohio. "We decided to help it retool for a new age, and that's what we're doing all across the country — we're making sure America can out-build, out-innovate and out-compete the rest of the world." BLOOMBERG

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